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and
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This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a long-standing, professional relationship between Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (SRU) and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC). SRU enters into this agreement as demonstration of this relationship and of the University's commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for community college students. Based on this written agreement and the voluntary cooperative efforts of both institutions, CCAC graduates of the Associate of Science in Nursing will be ensured a smooth transfer and timely completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this written agreement is to outline the terms and conditions of the articulation between the Associate of Science in Nursing at CCAC and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at SRU. The agreement outlines the transfer policies, services provided and information available to students who have earned college credits from CCAC and plan to transfer to SRU.

II. Terms and Conditions

- A. CCAC students who have earned this articulated associate degree are guaranteed admission to SRU and to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, if the following conditions are met.
- B. The student has earned a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA.
- C. The student is in good academic standing at all institutions attended.
- D. Transfer credit will be awarded for all completed non-developmental coursework, including those courses where a letter grade of "P" or "D" or greater was earned.
- E. Additional transfer credit will be considered for other sources of college credit, including but not limited to Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), credit by exam, Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP, military, or other.
- F. CCAC graduates of the articulated associate degree programs are guaranteed that they will enter SRU at the senior level.
- G. SRU will provide a preliminary/unofficial credit evaluation of transferable credits prior to application to the University, upon the student's request.
- H. Upon acceptance of the University's offer of admission and payment of the enrollment deposit, the student will receive an official credit evaluation of all completed and in-progress transferable credits.
- I. Students who accept the University's offer of admissions prior to the beginning of the advanced registration period will be assigned an academic advisor and a registration date commensurate with SRU students who have earned the same number of credits through the previous term.

III. Responsibilities of the Parties of the Agreement

- A. SRU and CCAC will work cooperatively to support and effectively administer this articulation agreement in the best interest of the students.
- B. SRU and CCAC will regularly communicate regarding changes in transfer policies and procedures, curriculum requirements, and any other relevant issues and/or concerns.
- C. CCAC agrees to provide information to its students regarding this articulated program and all other majors and services available at SRU.
- D. The SRU Transfer Admissions staff agrees to regularly visit CCAC, virtually or on campus, to meet with students who plan to transfer to SRU.

IV. Mutual Terms and Conditions

- A. *Term of Agreement.* The term of this Agreement shall begin one year from the date of execution and will be reviewed as curricular changes occur at either institution.
- B. *Termination of Agreement.* Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason with, ninety (90) days' notice. In the event of a substantial breach, either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of the breach by written notice that may be less than 90 days. In no event shall the termination of this agreement by either party take effect before the end of a then current academic term or adversely affect any student who may be participating in the agreement.
- C. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination and related procedures to insure such based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- D. *Compliance with Laws and Policies.* The parties shall at all times under this agreement comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and respective institutional policies. To earn a Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania degree, 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at SRU. In addition, students will take at least 50% of the credits required for the academic major from a PASSHE university. The degree-granting University may require up to a maximum of 50% of the academic major credits. This is in accordance with PASSHE's academic residency policy and related Board of Governors' policies.
- E. *Interpretation of the Agreement.* The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania govern.
- F. *Modification of Agreement.* This agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.
- G. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

- H. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education.
- I. *Entire Agreement.* This agreement represents the entire understanding between parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.
- J. *Confidentiality.* The parties shall protect the confidentiality of student records as dictated by the Family Educational Records and Privacy Act (FERPA) and shall release no information absent written consent of the student unless required to do so by law or dictated by the terms of this agreement.
- K. *Notification.* Either institution may withdraw from the agreement upon written notification to the other participant. The CCAC Registrar's Office and the SRU Office of Undergraduate Admissions: Transfer Admissions area serve as the official points of contact for this Agreement.
- L. *No Waiver.* The failure to enforce or require the performance at any time of the provisions of this agreement shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions and shall not affect either the validity of this agreement or any part hereof, or the right of either party thereafter to enforce each and every provision in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
- M. *Severability.* All agreements and covenants contained in this agreement are severable, and in the event any of them are held to be invalid by any competent court, this agreement will be interpreted as if invalid agreements or covenants were not contained in this agreement.
- N. *Authority.* The parties executing this agreement represent and warrant to each other that they have the full right, power, capacity and authority to execute and deliver this agreement, and that they have duly and properly performed all acts required to authorize them to carry out this agreement and the transactions contemplated by it.

V. ATTACHMENT A, Page 1 - This SRU Curriculum Guide delineates how the CCAC associate degree transfers toward degree completion at SRU.

| Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania – Curriculum Guide | | | | |
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| Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) (120 credits) | | | | |
| SRU CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
| Major Requirements (30 credits) | | | | |
| ✓ | Course | Title | Cr | Note |
| Required Supportive Coursework (6 Credits) | | | | |
| ✓ | PHIL 325 | Medical/Health Care Ethics (PHL 205) | 3 | UL |
| ✓ | INDP 317 | Stats. for Social Sciences (MAT 161 for Mathematics elective) | 3 | UL* |
| Required Nursing Courses (21 Credits) | | | | |
| | NURS 311 | Intro to Health Care Informatics | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 312 | Nursing in Transition | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 327 | Group Process for Nursing | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 331 | Evidence Based Health Assess & Promotion | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 422 | Nursing Research | 3 | UL* |
| | NURS 426 | Community and Public Health Nursing | 3 | UL* |
| | NURS 434 | Leadership and Mgmt Nursing w/Practice Experience | 3 | UL* |
| Nursing Electives (3 Credits) Must earn a "C" or better | | | | |
| | NURS 322 | The Teaching-Learning Process in Nursing | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 395 | Workshop | 1-3 | UL |
| | NURS 406 | Politics & Policy in Nursing & Healthcare | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 408 | Deliv of Nursing Care in Managed Care Environment | 3 | UL* |
| | NURS 429 | Financial Management for Nursing Care Managers | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 430 | Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare Systems | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 433 | Innovative Technology for Healthy Comm+ | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 440 | Nursing Case Mgmt in Today's Healthcare Environm | 3 | UL* |
| | NURS 498 | Selected Topics | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 500 | Developing Transcult Awaren Among Health Profess | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 510 | Cardiovascular Funct: Assessment & Treatment | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 511 | Advanced Healthcare Informatics | 3 | UL* |
| | NURS 514 | Bioterrorism and Disaster Mgmt: The Nurse's Role | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 516 | Palliative Care and End of Life Issues | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 517 | Social Media and Healthcare | 3 | UL |
| | NURS 595 | Workshop | 1-6 | UL |
| Rock Studies Requirements (36 credits) | | | | |
| ✓ | PHIL 325 | Medical/Health Care Ethics (PHL 205) | 3 | |
| ✓ | INDP 317 | Stats. for Social Sciences (MAT 161 for Mathematics elective) | 3 | |
| ✓ | | Anatomy & Physiology 1 | 4 | |
| ✓ | | Intro to Psychology | 3 | |
| ✓ | | Anatomy & Physiology 2 | 4 | |
| ✓ | | English Composition 1 | 3 | |
| ✓ | | Human Growth & Development | 3 | |
| ✓ | | Microbiology | 4 | UL |
| ✓ | | English Composition 2 | 3 | |
| ✓ | | HUM elective | 3 | |
| ✓ | | Additional Rock Studies credits (see right column) | 9 | UL |
| Free Elective Requirements (54 credits) | | | | |
| ✓ | | RN Transfer Coursework | 37 | |
| ✓ | | Additional Electives (see right column) | 12 | UL |
| | | Complete at SRU | 6 | |
| LEGEND OF NOTES, CODES, and COLOR | | | | |
| Red | Red depicts how the CCAC Associate in Science in Nursing coursework transfer to SRU | | | |
| Blue | Blue depicts how the student may complete additional coursework through CCAC to achieve 91 transferable credits, which would allow for just a 30-credit degree completion through SRU | | | |
| UL | UL indicates a course is considered Upper Level, 300-400 level. All BSN graduates at SRU must have completed 48 credits of Upper Level (UL) coursework for SRU graduation. CCAC students who want to complete additional coursework will choose additional UL transfer courses from the list of CCAC courses provided in the right column. | | | |
| * | Indicates course has a pre-requisite | | | |
| + | Grade of "C" or higher is required | | | |
| ◇ | Course can be counted as both a Major and a Rock Studies Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credit total. | | | |
| IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES | | | | |
| This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisors and academic department to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. <i>The information on this guide is current as of the date below. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.</i> | | | | |
| CCAC-SRU NURSING ARTICULATION AGREEMENT | | | | |
| Complete associate degree + additional credits at CCAC | | | | |
| SRU Curriculum Category | Transfer Credits | SRU Credits | | |
| Major Requirements | 6 | 24 | | |
| Rock Studies | 36 | 0 | | |
| Free Electives | 49 | 6 | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS w/SRU | 91 | 30 | | |
| Student should complete PHL 205 at CCAC, along with seven classes from the list below: | | | | |
| PHL 205 – Medical Ethics & Law | | | | |
| Choose seven CCAC classes from the following, or eight classes if the above course is not completed: | | | | |
| ANT 102 – Intro to Cultural Anthropology | | | | |
| BUS 251 – Business Law 1 | | | | |
| CJC 124 – Juvenile Justice & Juvenile Delinquency | | | | |
| CJC 201 – Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation | | | | |
| ENG 204 – English Literature from 18 th Century-Present | | | | |
| ENG 205 – American Literature to Civil War | | | | |
| ENG 206 – American Literature from Civil War-Present | | | | |
| ENG 210 – World Literature from 1650-Present | | | | |
| ENG 222 – Shakespeare's Plays | | | | |
| ETH 112 – Understanding Violence in America | | | | |
| ETH 113 – Intro to Black Women & Leadership | | | | |
| ETH 207 – Separate & Unequal: Discrimination in America | | | | |
| POL 201 – Modern Political Thought | | | | |
| POL 229 – Women & Politics Around the World | | | | |
| PSY 113 – Psychology of Death & Dying | | | | |
| PSY 201 – Educational Psychology | | | | |
| PSY 202 – Social Psychology | | | | |
| PSY 204 – Adolescent Psychology or PSY 210 – Child Psychology | | | | |
| PSY 240 – Health Psychology | | | | |
| SOC 201 – Sociology of the Family | | | | |
| SOC 208 – Urban Sociology | | | | |
| SOC 210 – Sociology of Sexual Behavior | | | | |
| SOC 216 – Sociology of Deviance | | | | |
| SOW 125 – Intro to Social Welfare | | | | |
| NURSING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Offers quality education at one of most reasonable costs in the nation Nursing Core consists of 30 online credit hours Nursing courses are primarily delivered in eight-week sessions for maximum flexibility for working nurses completing the program. Accommodates full or part-time study at pace set by the student Provides a strong foundation for future graduate study | | | | |
| ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA Valid, unencumbered RN license. (Graduate Nurses, pending licensure, may be eligible for provisional admissions.) Good Academic standing at last institution attended Minimum 63 non-remedial college-level transfer credits Official transcript from each institution, from which earned credits | | | | |
| GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
| Students must meet all Graduation Requirements as delineated in the University catalog, including the following requirements that should be considered as students are transferring credits and choosing SRU coursework. | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must complete 48 credits of upper-level coursework. Thirty-nine of the 48 credits must be at the 300 level or higher; the additional 9 credits may include courses requiring a 3-credit prerequisite. At least 24 of 48 credits must be completed at SRU. GPA Requirements – 2.0 or higher Overall GPA | | | | |



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VI. Agreement Certification


This agreement is in effect on the date of signatures by both institutions and will be regularly updated and reviewed for renewal.


In witness whereof, the parties have affixed their signatures on

January 20, 2023
Date

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania:

Community College of Allegheny County:


Dr. William J. Behre, President


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